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In re: Patent application of : Attorney Docket No.:  
William R. Shaffer : 5249-51DI2 (150907)  
Serial No.: 09/828,660 : Group Art Unit:  
: 2183  
Filed: April 6, 2001 : Examiner:  
For: Tool Having Honed Cutting Edge : Tsai, Henry

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith together with a Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application for the above-identified application.

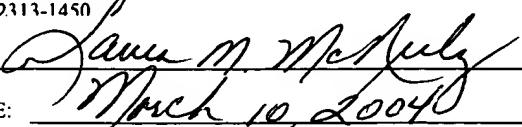
The RCE requests that a written response to the final action of July 30, 2003 previously submitted on November 20, 2003 be considered. The November 20, 2003 response was filed with a petition for a one (1) month extension of time for responding to the final action, which directed that the extension fee (small entity) of \$55 be charged to Deposit Account 50-0573. A Fee for Claims Form was also submitted with the November 20, 2003 filing directing that the fee of \$43 for claims be charged to Deposit Account 50-0573.

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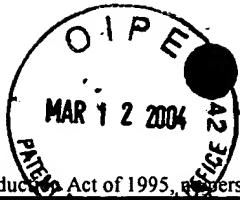
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**REQUEST****FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Investors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

**Application Number**

09/828,660

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April 6, 2001

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**Group Art Unit**

2183

**Examiner Name**

Tsai, Henry

**Attorney Docket Number**

5249-51DI2 (150907)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 20, 2003.ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Enclosedi.  Amendment/Replyii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_**2. Miscellaneous**a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

## b. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_b.  A check in the amount of \$1,470.00 is attached to cover the fees (small entity) of \$385, \$665 and \$420 for the RCE, a Petition to Revive and a portion of extension fees in excess of that previously submitted on November 20, 2003.c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)d.  Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment made, to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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